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From: Steinberger, Timothy E [<mailto:tsteinberger@honolulu.gov>]

Sent: Friday, December 24, 2010 1:16 PM

To: Owens, Markus; Lanuevo, Manuel S; Namumnart, Wilma; Hamada, Wayne; Whelan, Joseph; Blanchard, Sharon L; Okinaga, Carrie K S; Viola, Dana M O

Subject: Re: Star-Advertiser query, DOH NEWS RELEASE: WAIMANALO GULCH LANDFILL DISCHARGE INTO OCEAN

Markus,

This release is very misleading. There was no landfill waste discharged to the ocean. Second, when DOH CWB was notified, the proper branch that oversees this activity, there was no objection. It is unclear as to why HAZ WASTE got involved so late. It would be of interest to know if Jose got involved over an internal discussion or external request.

We have now been damaged by this release that is erroneous and perhaps without legal basis. Please give Sharon Blanchert a call and let's figure out a response to Gary K.

Tim

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Subject: Fw: Star-Advertiser query, DOH NEWS RELEASE: WAIMANALO GULCH LANDFILL DISCHARGE INTO OCEAN

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From: Kim McCoy, Louise

To: Owens, Markus; Steinberger, Timothy E

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Sent: Fri Dec 24 12:47:00 2010

Subject: Fw: Star-Advertiser query, DOH NEWS RELEASE: WAIMANALO GULCH LANDFILL DISCHARGE INTO OCEAN

Markus: Please review email from Gary Kubota & the DOH release.

Will call you shortly.

Louise

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From: Gary Kubota <GKubota@staradvertiser.com>

To: Kim McCoy, Louise

Sent: Fri Dec 24 12:35:38 2010

Subject: Star-Advertiser query, DOH NEWS RELEASE: WAIMANALO GULCH LANDFILL DISCHARGE INTO OCEAN

Aloha Louise:

Below is the press release from the state Department of Health. Here are the questions:

1. When did the city notify the state Department of Health about the discharge into the ocean?
2. What is standard procedure involving notification under state and federal guidelines, when discharges are made into the ocean?
3. I might be wrong. But it seems like a long time - four days - before the public is notified about the discharge. Was this a mistake and if so, what was the reason for the failure?
4. What is the city doing to rectify this discharge/ 5. What is the city doing to prevent late notification,

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if the city regards this incident as late notification?

Thank you,
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Sent: Thursday, December 23, 2010 9:41 PM

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Subject: DOH NEWS RELEASE: WAIMANALO GULCH LANDFILL DISCHARGE INTO OCEAN

For Immediate Release: December 23, 2010 Department of Health News Release The Hawaii State Department of Health was informed today that the Waimanalo Gulch Sanitary Landfill owned by the City & County of Honolulu and operated by Waste Management of Hawaii, Inc. has discharged a large quantity of storm water potentially contaminated with landfill waste to the Pacific Ocean between Ko Olina and the Kahe Power Plant from Sunday, December 19 through Thursday, December 23, 2010. The discharge occurred due to flooding resulting from the heavy rainfall that occurred in the area on December 19, 2010. Waimanalo Gulch Sanitary Landfill will be conducting water sampling and an investigation by the DOH which began today is ongoing.

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